

SENATE BILL 1287

By Ford

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 13, relative to benefits of public charter school teachers.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-13-117, is amended by deleting subsection (b) and by substituting instead the following:

(b) The years of service acquired by a teacher while on leave of absence from an LEA to teach at a public charter school shall be used to obtain or determine tenure status in accordance with § 49-5-503 and § 49-5-504 upon return to the LEA.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-13-117, is further amended by adding the following language as new subsection (d):

(d) A teacher who is granted leave of absence by an LEA to teach at a public charter school shall continue to participate in the Tennessee consolidated retirement system. The teacher shall make employee contributions to the retirement system as required of teachers employed by LEAs under § 8-34-206.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2013, the public welfare requiring it.